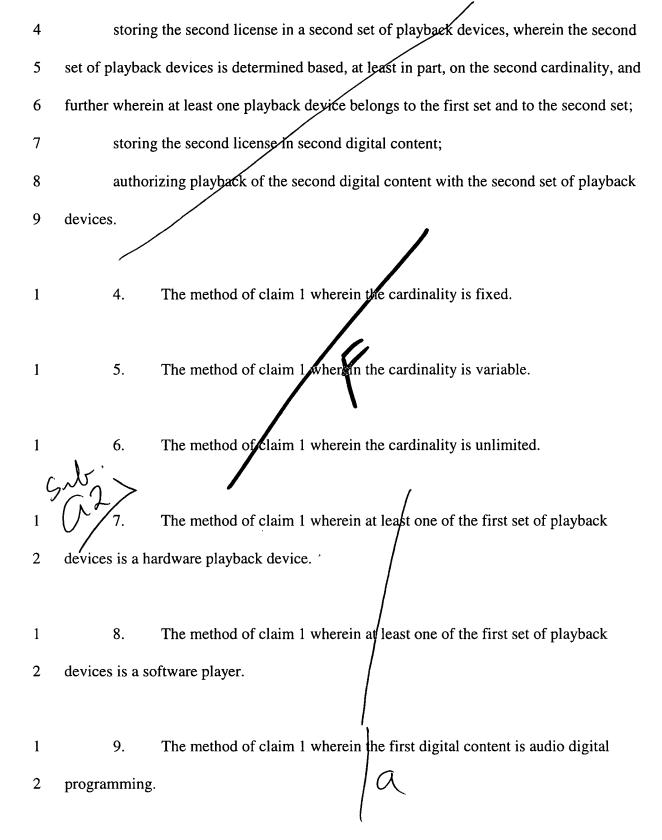
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

A method of managing digital content licenses, the method comprising: 2 creating a first license having a first cardinality, the license created by a license 3 management device; 4 storing the first license in a first set of playback devices in response to a command 5 from the license management device, wherein the first set of playback devices is 6 determined based, at least in part, on the first cardinality; 7 storing the first license in first digital dontent; and authorizing playback of the first digifal content with the first set of playback 8 9 devices. 1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising: storing the first license in second digital content; and 2 3 authorizing playback of the second digital content with the first set of playback 4 devices. 1 The method of claim 1 further comprising: 3. 2 creating a second license having a second cardinality, the license created by the

license management device;

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1	10. The method of claim 1 wherein the first digital content is audio/visual
2	digital programming.
1	11. A machine-readable medium having stored thereon sequences of
2	instructions that when executed by one or more processors cause the one or more
3	processors to:
4	create a first license with a license management device, the first license having a
5	first cardinality;
6	store the first license in a first set of playback devices in response to a command
7	from the license management device, wherein the first set of playback devices is
8	determined based, at least in part, on the first cardinality;
9	store the first license in first digital content; and
10	authorize playback of the first digital content with the first set of playback
11	devices.
1	12. The machine-readable medium of claim 11 further comprising sequences
2	of instructions that when executed chuse the one or more processors to:
3	store the first license in second digital content; and
4	authorize playback of the second digital content with the first set of playback
5	devices.
1	13. The machine-readable medium of claim 11 further comprising sequences
2	of instructions that when executed cause the one or more processors to:

- 3 create a second license in the license management device, the second license 4 having a second cardinality; 5 store the second license in a second set of płayback devices, wherein the second set of playback devices is determined based, at least in part, on the second cardinality, and 6 7 further wherein at least one playback device belongs to the first set and to the second set; 8 store the second license in second digital content; 9 authorize playback of the second digital content with the second set of playback 10 devices. 14. The machine-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the cardinality is 1 2 fixed. The machine-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the cardinality is 15. 1 2 variable. 16. The machine-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the cardinality is 1 2 unlimited. 17. The machine-readable medium of claim 11 wherein at least one of the first set of playback devices is a hardware playback device.
- set of playback devices is a software player.

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The machine-readable medium of claim 11 wherein at least one of the first

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1	19. The machine-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the first digital content
2	is audio digital programming.
1	20. The machine-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the first digital content
2	is audio/visual digital programming.
1	21. An apparatus for digital license management, the apparatus comprising:
2	means for creating a first license in a license management device, the first license
3	having a first cardinality;
4	means for storing the first license in a first set of playback devices in response to a
5	command from the license management device;
6	means for storing the first license in first digital content; and
7	means for authorizing playback of the first digital content with the first set of
8	playback devices.
1	22. The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising:
2	means for storing the first license in second digital content; and
3	means for authorizing playback of the second digital content with the first set of
4	playback devices.
1	23. The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising:
2	means for creating a second license in the license management device;
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means for storing the second license in a second set of playback devices, wherein

at least one playback device from the second set of playback devices is included in the

first set of playback devices;

means for storing the second license in second digital content; and

means for authorizing playback of the second digital content with the second set

of playback devices.